

Assembly Bill No. 991

CHAPTER 624

An act to add Section 13514.1 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officer training.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 991, Negrete McLeod. Peace officer training.

Existing provisions of law require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to provide various courses of training for peace officers.

This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to establish standardized training recommendations and guidelines for Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams, as specified, that would be available for use by law enforcement agencies that conduct SWAT operations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13514.1 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

13514.1. (a) On or before July 1, 2005, the commission shall develop and disseminate guidelines and standardized training recommendations for all law enforcement officers, supervisors, and managers whose agency assigns them to perform, supervise, or manage Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations. The guidelines and standardized training recommendations shall be available for use by law enforcement agencies that conduct SWAT operations.

(b) The training and guidelines shall be developed in consultation with law enforcement officers, the Attorney General's office, supervisors, and managers, SWAT trainers, legal advisers, and others selected by the commission. Development of the training and guidelines shall include consideration of the recommendations contained in the Attorney General's Commission on Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Final Report of 2002.

(c) The standardized training recommendations shall at a minimum include initial training requirements for SWAT operations, refresher or advanced training for experienced SWAT members, and supervision and management of SWAT operations.

(d) The guidelines shall at minimum address legal and practical issues of SWAT operations, personnel selection, fitness requirements, planning, hostage negotiation, tactical issues, safety, rescue methods, after-action evaluation of operations, logistical and resource needs, uniform and firearms requirements, risk assessment, policy considerations, and multijurisdictional SWAT operations.

(e) The guidelines shall provide procedures for approving the prior training of officers, supervisors, and managers that meet the standards and guidelines developed by the commission pursuant to this section, in order to avoid duplicative training.

